

I. Project Title and Project Purpose Statement

Title

“Making a Visible Change to Indianapolis’ Neighborhoods: A comprehensive strategy to meet the challenge of illegal dumping in affected communities”

Project Summary

This project will implement a three-phase approach to:

- decrease the amount of illegal dumping of solid waste in affected communities in Indianapolis
- increase community knowledge about illegal dumping and
- increase enforcement against illegal dumpers.

Phase one includes conducting surveys of the impacted neighborhoods and developing and disseminating educational materials to the affected communities and the entire county. In addition, public meetings will be held to gain input from community members on possible solutions and to inform them of available resources for disposal and assistance with illegal dumping.

Phase two addresses clean up of illegally dumped materials in affected communities through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful’s Great Indy Cleanup Program. Affected communities were identified by correlating socio-economic data with reported illegal dumping locations to identify those areas which meet Environmental Justice criteria. Environmental Justice as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. The selected communities have both a concentration of residents who are minorities and living at poverty level incomes.

Phase three focuses on additional enforcement of the local ordinances related to illegal dumping in the affected communities. Our goal will be to improve enforcement capabilities of the City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement by installing camera systems within these heavily impacted neighborhoods to deter additional dumping and to gain additional evidence on those who are illegally dumping in these neighborhoods. By applying this strategic approach to the issue of illegal dumping, we strive to engage and empower those most impacted by this public health and environmental issue.

Location

City of Indianapolis and Marion County, Indiana – Multiple Zip Codes

Environmental Statute

The regulatory focus of this project falls under the Solid Waste Act Section 8001(a) (1).

Subtitle H—Research, Development, Demonstration, and Information

RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATIONS, TRAINING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

SEC. 8001. (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—*The Administrator, alone or after consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, the Administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration, or the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, shall conduct, and encourage, cooperate with, and render financial and other assistance to*

appropriate public (whether Federal, State, interstate, or local) authorities, agencies, and institutions, private agencies and institutions, and individuals in the conduct of, and promote the coordination of, research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, public education programs, and studies relating to—

(1) any adverse health and welfare effects of the release into the environment of material present in solid waste, and methods to eliminate such effects

Our intention is to first conduct surveys of residents in affected communities regarding their knowledge of illegal dumping and its adverse effects. Second, we will engage community members through public meetings to assist in identifying solutions to reduce illegal dumping in their neighborhood. We will then implement training and a public education program about the adverse health effects of the release of materials present in solid waste by tailoring the information to address gaps in knowledge identified through the surveys and meetings. Finally, the City of Indianapolis, Department of Code Enforcement's Bureau of Environmental Services will conduct increased investigations based on additional evidence gathered from residents and the installation of cameras in their neighborhoods.

Project Partners

These partners have signed MOAs with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

- City of Indianapolis – Department of Code Enforcement
- Improving Kids Environment (a nonprofit organization)
- Near West Collaborative (a collaborative of neighborhoods)

KIB proposed to engage several other partners as well, to make our initiative most successful.

II. Environmental and Public Health Information about the Affected Community

This project addresses the environmental and public health issue of illegal dumping of solid waste within the affected communities in Indianapolis. Illegal Dumping has grown into a significant problem for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, Indiana. Reports of Illegal Dumping to the City of Indianapolis' Mayor's Action Center have risen from 2241 reports in 2009 to 2634 reports in 2013 an increase of 17 percent. Illegal Dumping is one of the most highly reported complaints to the Mayor's Action Center. Attachment A contains two maps. The first map shows the number of illegal dumping reports per square mile in each census tract for 2013. The second map shows the total number of reports of illegal dumping in Marion County for 2012 and 2013.

As the *U.S. EPA Region 5 Illegal Dumping Prevention Handbook: March 1998* states, "The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical (protruding nails or sharp edges) and chemical (harmful fluids or dust) hazards posed by wastes. Rodents, insects, and other vermin attracted to dumpsites may also pose health risks. Dump sites with scrap tires provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm stagnant water standing in scrap tire casings. Severe illnesses, including encephalitis and dengue fever, have been attributed to disease carrying mosquitoes originating from scrap tire piles... Additionally, runoff from dump sites containing chemicals may contaminate wells and surface water used as sources of drinking water."

In the past two years, Marion County Public Health Department has noted an increased presence of the West Nile virus in mosquitoes in Marion County and has warned residents to remove all standing water outside their homes. When illegally dumped materials such as tires are not properly removed, they contribute to the standing water in the affected communities; therefore, increasing the mosquito population and risk for disease.

The affected communities have been identified through a comparison of the number of illegal dumping reports that were submitted in 2012 and 2013 to the City of Indianapolis' Mayor's Action Center and socio-economic data for the census tract areas that had the most reports by square mile from U.S. EPA's EJ View. We have chosen census tracts 3412, 3512, 3519, 3521, 3548, 3549, 3551, 3559, and 3570 as the affected communities that we will be focusing on during the grant timeframe.

Affected community – Name of Neighborhood Association	Census tract number	Percent poverty from Census data from EPA's EJ View Demographics (ACS) 2010	Percent minority from Census data from EPA's EJ View Demographics (ACS) 2010	Illegal Dumping reports Census tract count per square mile in 2013	Illegal Dumping reports Census tract count (#) in 2012
West Side Collaborative	3412	37.1%	93.2%	50-93	36-53
United Northwest area (UNWA)	3512	29.7%	98.1%	50-93	54-76
Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood Association	3519	28.2%	95.9%	10-30	14-21
Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood Association	3521	45.4%	90.2%	10-30	22-35
Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO)	3548	73.3%	65.53%	50-93	22-35
Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO)	3549	41.9%	49.6%	50-93	54-76
Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO)	3551	48.9%	39.3%	50-93	36-53

South East Community Organization (SECO)	3559	25.73%	19.8%	50-93	14-21
Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association	3570	34.3%	18.9%	50-93	36-53

III. Organization's Historical Connection to the Affected Community

KIB has worked with Martindale-Brightwood, Near Eastside, South East and Bates-Hendricks neighborhoods, UNWA, and Westside neighborhoods on an ongoing basis over the past several years. Since 2008, we have done cleanups with each of these neighborhoods, through the Great Indy Cleanup program. In addition, KIB's Adopt-A-Block program is active in each of these neighborhoods.

KIB encourages neighborhoods, these included, to begin cleaning up their neighborhoods through involvement with KIB's litter cleanup efforts, Great Indy Cleanup and Adopt-A-Block. As individuals adopt their blocks with KIB, they are provided with tools such as a litter grabber, scoop, trash bags, and shovel to keep their block clean. Many individuals start their participation there, and then they work with neighbors to plan a community cleanup once per year or even once in spring and once in fall. Once communities have these engaged residents working to keep their neighborhoods clean and livable, we then encourage them to apply to KIB for a tree planting project, or a greenspace project. Each of these neighborhoods has strong KIB presence, including several block coordinators, and a history of multiple cleanups. In all of these instances, KIB provides the supplies, plant material and project management, and neighbors supply the "sweat equity" and willingness to work to make their neighborhoods cleaner and greener! In addition, in the NESCO neighborhoods, we have done several tree plantings, and created a greenspace from a vacant lot, as neighbors there have applied to KIB for additional assistance towards making their communities clean, beautiful and healthy places to live.

How the residents of the affected community were part of the decision-making process

KIB works with neighborhoods from the bottom up, helping them make their vision for a thriving neighborhood into a reality. Each of the six affected communities have worked with KIB on past litter cleanups, many of them on an annual basis, as the neighbors attempt to tackle this ongoing problem of illegal dumping in their alleys and streets. KIB advertises its Great Indy Cleanup program to all past coordinators, so they can continue their engagement each year.

Through these diverse improvement projects, residents not previously engaged in the community become involved – for instance, a resident of Hawthorne designed and helped to paint two murals in the WE CARE community; seniors helped to cook and serve breakfast to over 300 volunteers there; residents passionate about their community park became project leaders to direct volunteers on project day – everyone was invited to participate in whatever way they were interested and able.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful chose Near West as the April 2013 Great Indy Cleanup community because of the hard work each of these individual neighborhoods have accomplished independently. After months of discussions, those representing their community chose what improvements they wished to accomplish together. Projects included alley cleanups, community parks cleaning and rejuvenation, painting faded water hydrants, tree planting, painting a junk yard fence, murals and painting sidewalk art. They took the momentum built through their Great Indy Cleanup opportunity and have kept moving forward. They are an example to other neighborhoods that uniting people helps the entire community thrive.

How efforts have increased the community's capacity to address environmental issues

KIB's Great Indy Cleanup program provides vital resources to neighborhoods burdened with the environmental threat of illegal dumping. These neighbors need trash bags, gloves and a dumpster in order to help them accomplish keeping their neighborhood clean and livable. These residents are willing to do cleanups year after year to get rid of the material, but they would rather eliminate the problem altogether, so they can focus their attention on other community issues. This program gives neighbors the resources to manage illegal dumping, so they can use their time, energy and scarce funds for other issues, such as dealing with vacant and abandoned homes, or setting up a crime watch. This program empowers neighbors to work together, to build the connections necessary to have a strong neighborhood association, and it gives them small successes upon which they can build momentum, and be encouraged to tackle more difficult issues.

How the applicant has sustained an ongoing relationship with the community's residents.

KIB continues engagement with neighborhoods by attending regular monthly neighborhood meetings, especially in winter and summer before our "project seasons" of spring and fall, to ensure neighbors are planning towards their cleanups. In addition to our Great Indy Cleanup program manager, our Community Engagement Director works with these neighborhoods to ensure they are aware of ongoing KIB programs in which they can participate. Our Community Engagement Director also oversees our Adopt-A-Block program.

For example, residents of Haughville, Hawthorne, WE CARE and Stringtown met monthly beginning in August of 2012 to discuss ways they could make lasting improvements in their individual neighborhoods and the Near West community overall. On Saturday, April 27th, 2013, nine months of planning and effort by the four Near West neighborhoods came to fruition in the spring kick-off event of the Great Indy Cleanup. The effects were felt throughout the community as litter and debris was removed from public spaces and areas were revitalized with fresh paint and artwork.

IV. Project Description

- i. During the two-year timeframe of the grant, this project will address the public issue of illegal dumping through a systematic three-phased process for each of the identified affected communities in section II of this proposal. Throughout this project, we will implement the U.S. EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model as guidance.

During the first phase in each affected community, we will set up public meetings to be held in a location within the community to engage the local citizens in a conversation about the issue of illegal dumping. The seven elements of the Problem-Solving Model can be incorporated throughout the implementation of the project within each of the public meetings. The goal of the initial conversation will be to identify their community vision and identify goals and objectives related to illegal dumping within their community. Additional meetings will be scheduled to continue to build leadership and empower the citizens of the affected community with the resources they need. During the course of the project and partnerships, we will engage the affected communities in an evaluation process to see if their objectives are being met and to obtain valued input from the communities on what is working and what is not working.

We will also reach out to each identified community through an initial survey which will be used to identify the level of awareness of individual community members about illegal dumping. A list of sample survey questions is in Attachment B. The survey will be conducted via canvassing neighborhoods door to door, setting up at libraries or other public locations within the affected area to conduct in person surveys, and at public meetings. An online format will be made available for those with internet access. The information gained from the survey will be a useful tool for the community and partners to identify gaps in knowledge regarding illegal dumping and what resources are needed in the future. Additional educational materials such as door hangers and brochures will be developed in English and Spanish to provide detailed information to residents of the affected communities on what illegal dumping is, what resources are available for properly disposing of unwanted materials especially E-waste, and how they can report illegal dumping when they see it happening or after it has occurred. KIB will utilize its relationship with Clear Channel Outdoor to investigate the potential of additional education about illegal dumping county-wide on selected billboards, as Clear Channel has provided in-kind billboard space to KIB in the past.

The second phase includes abatement of the materials that have been dumped in each of the affected communities. Through the Great Indy Cleanup Program, we will schedule clean ups with members of the affected community and volunteers from the general public to work in the targeted areas by picking up trash and generally cleaning up the areas. KIB provides trash bags, gloves, and bottled water to neighborhood leaders that sign up for a cleanup with KIB; KIB also partners with the City of Indianapolis Dept. of Public Works, to get a dumpster dropped off in the community on a Friday afternoon. Cleanups take place on Saturday mornings. KIB also has established a relationship with Covanta Energy and Southside Landfill, such that they have agreed to accept materials collected during these cleanups, at no charge, as part of the Great Indy Cleanup program. Last year, Covanta Energy accepted 228 tons of material at no charge! This program would not be possible without these in-kind supporters. KIB's past experience with neighborhood cleanups shows that residents of the area being cleaned feel empowered through the

participation and the interaction with others helping them clean and beautify their neighborhoods. In addition to a cleaner neighborhood, residents will also gain knowledge on how to properly dispose of certain items such as televisions and paints.

The last phase in each of the affected communities is to increase enforcement of local ordinances within their area. The Department of Code Enforcement will install cameras purchased with grant dollars in the hotspots within each affected community to deter dumpers from returning to this area to dispose of their unwanted materials. Since there are limited resources available for cameras, we will move the six cameras to additional hotspots in affected communities in a three-month rotation. The cameras will also provide the Department of Code Enforcement with the capability to capture video and still shots of the individuals dumping the materials and the license plates of the vehicles used to dump. The Department of Code Enforcement will use this additional evidence to cite and fine the individuals doing the dumping. Additionally, the Department of Code Enforcement will work with KIB's Adopt-A-Block program members (block coordinators) to establish a protocol for them to submit evidence that they find when they are cleaning their blocks. The submittal of the evidence will allow DCE to conduct further investigation into who may have disposed of the materials improperly.

Below is a timeline with the specific project goals under each phase and when they are targeted to be completed.

Grant Timeline	Research/Education	Abatement	Enforcement
Month 1-3 (September 2014 to November 2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Partners to kick off the two-year project • Development of survey for affected communities in September • Set up timeline to conduct surveys • Canvass neighborhoods and conduct surveys at specific locations in September and October • Development of Illegal Dumping Educational Materials (door hangers and brochures) • Develop schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain supplies needed for neighborhood cleanups • Prepare outreach about cleanups to obtain additional volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain bids for cameras

	<p>of public meetings and obtain locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial public meeting with each of the affected communities in late September or Early October 		
Month 4-6 (December 2014 to February 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review surveys and determine what knowledge gaps each community has regarding Illegal Dumping • Collect data from Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop schedule of community cleanups in the affected areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare materials and protocol for the Adopt-A-Block teams to gather evidence as they are collecting dumped items in their areas • Purchase of cameras
Month 7-9 (March 2015 to May 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second public meeting with each of the affected communities • Installation of Billboards with Community-wide Education in April* (pending partnership with Clear Channel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community cleanup in each of the affected areas with community members and volunteers over the four weekends in April (East, West, South, Martindale-Brightwood) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of cameras in one of the affected communities in May after the cleanups • Training of Adopt-a-Block teams
Month 10-12 (June 2015 to August 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Public meeting with affected communities • Collect data from Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second follow-up cleanup in each affected community in June • Third clean up in each of the affected areas in August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of cameras to another affected community in August after the cleanups
Month 13-15 (September 2015 to November 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Partners after first year of grant • Fourth Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth cleanup in each of the affected areas in October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of cameras to another of the affected

	meeting with affected communities		communities in October after the cleanups
Month 16-18 (December 2015 to February 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect data from Partners 		
Month 19-21 (March 2016 to May 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final meeting with affected communities under grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fifth clean up in each of the affected areas in April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of cameras to another of the affected communities in May after cleanups
Month 22-24 (June 2016 to August 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant final data collection 		

ii. Partnership collaboration

Improving Kids' Environment

Improving Kids' Environment (IKE) is an Indianapolis-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that works to reduce environmental threats to children's health. IKE is well-known for its environmental advocacy in Indianapolis and Central Indiana. Since 2002, they have provided program support in reducing environmental threats to children's health. Their mission, as stated on their website, "To protect children from environmental health hazards through advocacy, education and initiatives that create environmentally healthy homes, schools and communities" aligns with the goals of this project. IKE will be contributing their staff time, working with KIB and partners on the education program with the goal of educating neighbors of affected areas (including Martindale-Brightwood) about why illegal dumping is harmful to our health, our city and our environment. They will also facilitate participation in public meetings by assisting with speakers at neighborhood meetings.

City of Indianapolis-Department of Code Enforcement

The City of Indianapolis, Department of Code Enforcement (DCE), Bureau of Environmental Services has the enforcement authority of the local City-County ordinances related to Illegal Dumping. The Department of Code Enforcement has a vested interest in the success of this project to see a reduction in illegal dumping across the city. The DCE will provide staff time for education and outreach at public meetings, staff time on investigations and other resources as available.

Near West Collaborative

Near West Collaborative, formerly known as Near Westside, consists of four neighborhoods: Hawthorne, We Care, Haughville, and Stringtown. As stated on their website, www.nearwestside.com, it is "now known as a Sustainable Community through LISC [Local Initiatives Support Corporation]; Near West Collaborative works as a conduit to ensure the neighborhood associations, institutions, community centers, and business work together to

help improve the quality of life of the community by focusing on seven priority areas for immediate and long-term vitality of the neighborhoods. These priorities consist of housing, public safety, beautification, economic development, education, health, and civic and youth participation.” They will contribute time in supporting education, public meetings and overall awareness of this partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to their participating neighborhoods. They will also participate in and organize litter abatement efforts in their neighborhoods.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful plans to maintain these partnerships through routine collaborative meetings, frequent updates to the partners on progress made toward mutual objectives, and continued dialogue on additional plans or resources needed.

V. Organizational Capacity and Programmatic Capability

Organizational and administrative systems

KIB’s Business Director is a CPA, and she is in charge of our Finance Committee and our accounting. She uses a program called Sage Fund Accounting to manage our finances. She will be in charge of financial reporting on income and expenditures for any federal funds received.

How the applicant has successfully managed these projects in the past

In 2013, KIB received \$50,000 through the Competitive Allocation/Redesign grant process through USDA and the US Forest Service. Our Development Director at the time applied for the grant and oversaw grant reporting. She left KIB’s employment in December 2013, and Beth Kloote, another Development staff person (Corporate & Foundation Relations Manager) transitioned into the role of managing the grant and overseeing reporting. Beth works with our Business Director to ensure proper financial reporting through the PMS system, and Beth works with our local Forest Service contact, Jill Johnson, to ensure proper narrative reporting. Beth also oversaw reporting to the NIC on grant objectives.

In 2008, KIB was a sub-grantee for a federal USDA grant received by the Indianapolis Parks Foundation, called Indy Tree Works. We oversaw tree planting efforts as part of this application, and Teresa Rhodes (previous Development Director) was the staff person who managed our grant work, and served as liaison with the Indianapolis Parks Foundation as the grant awardee.

How the applicant plans to effectively manage and successfully complete this proposed project

KIB has a history of 35 years of experience successfully working in Indianapolis with neighbors, businesses, churches, nonprofit organizations and the City of Indianapolis, to help unite people to help beautify and improve our city. We have a development/PR staff of 5, and have assigned one staffer to oversee our federal grants (our Corporate & Foundation Relations Manager, whose job also includes government relationships). Our program staff has been working on litter abatement and community engagement programs since our organization was created in 1976, and they have a wealth of experience in working with the partner we have chosen for this particular project. Both our Great Indy Cleanup Director and our Community Engagement Director will be very

involved in the administration of this program. Our program and development staff work closely together on a daily basis (we have a total staff of 18 full-time employees only) to ensure that grant objectives are being completed and reporting is happening in a timely manner.

KIB would like to involve additional partners of ours in this illegal dumping program such as the Marion County Public Health Department, IUPUI's School of Public Health and the Polis Center. We envision this academic connection being vital for assisting with creation of surveys, for instance. KIB will work with its existing partners such as local nonprofits, City of Indianapolis, academia, and even local businesses within the affected communities, to ensure that our illegal dumping initiative has wide reach and impact.

Organizational experience to successfully achieve the goals of the proposed project.

KIB is excited to continue our relationships with our neighborhood partners, by working together on this initiative to solve the problem of illegal dumping in Indianapolis. Our mission is to engage communities to create vibrant public places, helping people and nature thrive. We will continue our engagement with our MOA partners, as well as others, to ensure that our education campaigns are successful, measurable efforts.

We have a history of working on abatement of illegal dumping in Indianapolis, through the Great Indy Cleanup program. In 2013, KIB worked with Indianapolis communities to lead over 326 community cleanups from April through October.

The Dept. of Code Enforcement will take the lead on the enforcement efforts. KIB has a history of working with the City of Indianapolis on projects, as we have a contract with the City for several of our programs. We look forward to expanding our partnership with DCE into the enforcement efforts with Adopt-A-Block coordinators.

Past performance in meeting reporting requirements (e.g., progress reports, financial status).

KIB received a federal grant in 2013 from the USDA Competitive Allocation/Redesign process, for \$50,000. We are currently up to date on all narrative and financial reporting and updates for this grant, and have submitted all reports on time. Jill Johnson with the US Forest Service is our local contact for programmatic reports. We had a conversation with her in early January 2014, as we have recently completed the work on our grant (a bit earlier than we had planned); all we have left to do now is complete our final grant reporting, to closeout this grant. Our Assistance agreement number is 13-DG-11420004-119.

VI. Qualifications of the Project Manager (PM)

The qualifications of the PM as they relate to the project

Tammy Stevens, our Great Indy Cleanup Program manager, has been working on this successful KIB litter abatement program since 2005. She has been responsible for growing the program to its 2013 success of 326 cleanups in neighborhoods all across Indianapolis, with over 1.8 million pounds of litter cleaned up last year as well. The program now has its kickoff on all 4 weekends

in April, with each focusing on a different quadrant of the city. Cleanups continue each Saturday throughout the year, and then each Saturday in October features yet another large-scale coordinated cleanup effort in our urban neighborhoods. At KIB, Tammy has led our efforts to engage with the community, working on this grassroots cleanup initiative, and providing neighbors with a way to get engaged with KIB to strengthen their neighborhoods by cleaning up litter. Tammy also has experience as our Volunteer Coordinator, and our director of recycling education, in addition to her Great Indy Cleanup program leadership. She works well with a variety of individuals and personalities and excels at bringing neighbors and groups together to work for a common cause. She will be an excellent Project Manager for this program, as addressing the root causes of illegal dumping in Indianapolis is key to the success of her program as well.

How the PM has ties to the community and/or organization

Tammy has a history of working with each of the neighborhoods that we aim to engage with this initiative, through her outreach with the Great Indy Cleanup program. She has helped neighbors to organize past cleanup efforts and in the process get to know one another, and learn how to work together. This engagement work is now paying off, as the neighborhoods are able to continue their progress on cleaning up their communities after their participation with KIB, doing their own additional cleanups and work days to achieve neighborhood goals.

Past activities that the PM has worked on with the community

In April 2013, 350 Great Indy Cleanup volunteers cleaned up litter in the Near West communities of Haughville, Hawthorne, We Care and Stringtown. The community leaders were in awe of the attention and support their communities received. Over 100 fire hydrants were painted, two murals, honeysuckle was removed from the historic fenceline of Central Greens (previously Central State Hospital), 8 alley cleanups, 5 park spruce ups, sidewalk art connected the community assets and several other beautification projects were accomplished. The October 2013 Great Indy Cleanup focused on their portion of the city, with their annual “Saints in the Streets” cleanup in Haughville/Hawthorne neighborhood. Each October, parishioners from various Catholic parishes come to assist this parish with a community cleanup. For the first time, the neighborhoods was instrumental in the planning of this cleanup. This relationship between the church organizers and the neighborhood representatives is a result of the Great Indy Cleanup. KIB was able to bridge differences and demonstrate the effectiveness of working together to achieve bigger results.

VII. Past Performance in Reporting on Outputs and Outcomes

Federal or non-Federal grants worked on within the past three (3) years.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. received \$50,000 in funding assistance #13-DG-11420004-119, through the USDA Competitive Allocation/Redesign process, for Reconnecting to Our Waterways; Engaging neighborhoods and volunteers to enhance waterways in Indianapolis. The current grant point of contact is Beth Kloote, Corporate & Foundation Relations Manager.

How you have documented progress towards achieving outputs and outcomes under prior and/or current assistance agreements

For the Redesign grant received in 2013, KIB has reported to the NIC Portal on the following proposed deliverables and outcomes. We have not completed our final grant report yet (it is not due until 12/31/14) and so do not have experience with any reporting that may be required on that report.

- People connected and engaged in invasive removal/native tree planting to restore urban forests in riparian areas: 1,000+ proposed (1,791 actual)
- Youth educated about trees and urban forests through targeted outreach and hands-on projects: 600+ proposed (300 to date; ongoing)
- Invasives removed: 1,000 linear feet proposed (5 acres actual)
- Indiana native shade trees planted: 337 proposed (621 actual)

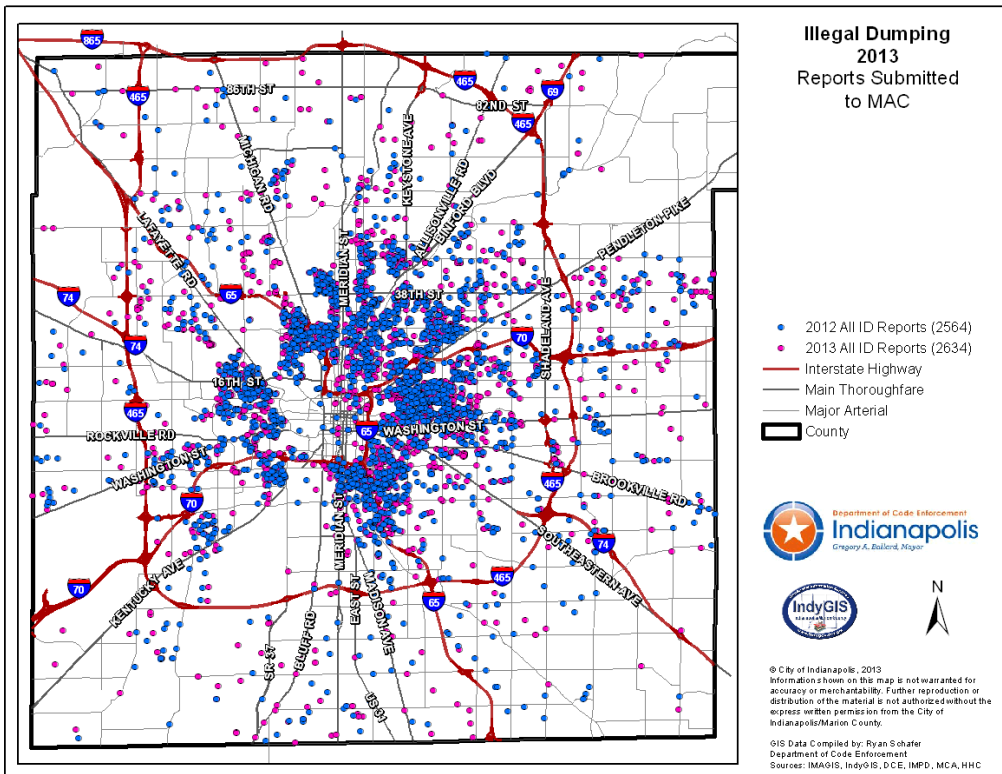
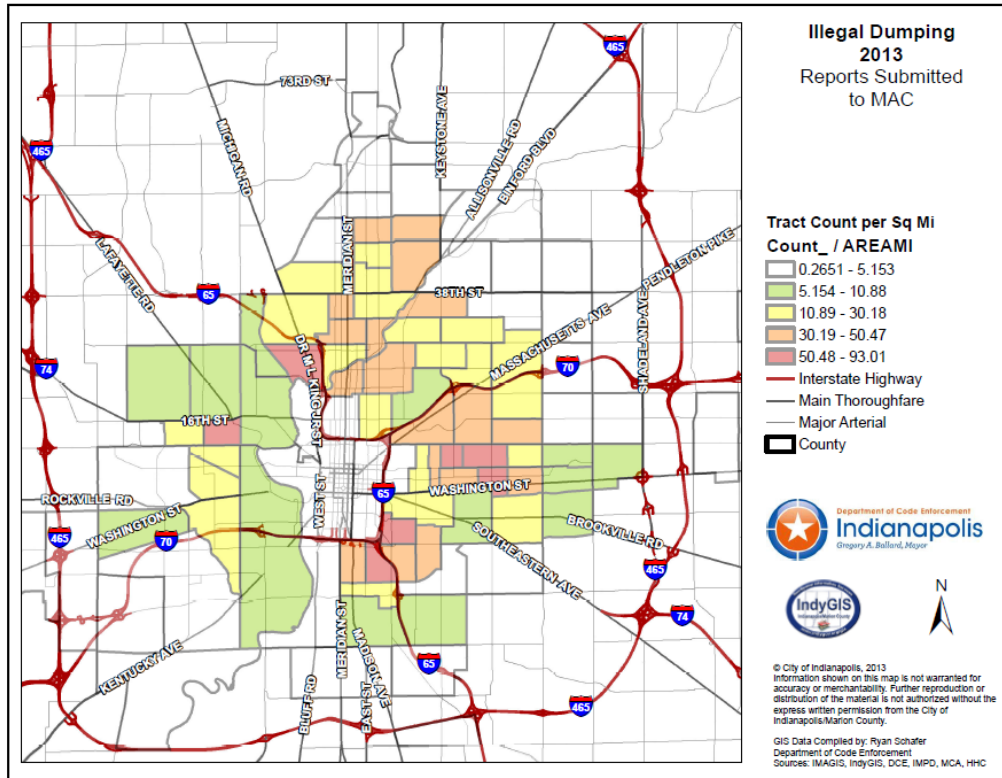
VIII. Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will meet with MOA partners once grant funding is received, to ensure that a timeline is established for the 2-year grant period, and that all partners understand their responsibilities during that time frame with regard to education, abatement and enforcement activities. KIB will establish regular (no fewer than quarterly) meetings with our MOA partners, in order to ensure that grant objectives are being met according to plan. In the case where partners will receive grant funds (such as Improving Kids Environment, or Dept. of Code Enforcement) we will also create a timeline for funds expenditure, and do regular check-ins with this sub-grantee to ensure proper grant expenditure is happening as planned.

IX. Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Information

Our project will involve the use of existing environmental data, including but not limited to, GIS map layers indicating where Illegal Dumping is present.

ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

DRAFT SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are you aware of the nonprofit organization Keep Indianapolis Beautiful? Y/N
2. Have you previously seen an illegal dumping site? Y/N
3. Have you previously witnesses and act of illegal dumping? Y/N
4. On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is not important and 10 is very important, how would you rate the importance of eliminating illegal dumping in the City of Indianapolis?
5. Have you ever participated or would you consider participating in a volunteer clean up day?
6. Would you be willing to report an act of illegal dumping?
7. Are you aware that Illegal Dumping should be reported to the Mayor's Action Center, 317-327-4MAC(4622) to be investigated?